

Rail lines in Foxton

There has been controversy over HS1 and HS2 since the start but in 1846 Foxton could have been similarly affected. As it happened one of the planned lines at that time went around the village and became what we have today. But there were other plans. One was proposed to cross the parish near to the boundary with Barrington. Another proposal would have passed close to the end of Caxton Lane, through the recreation ground, then more or less parallel to Mortimers Lane and through the moat at the end. I doubt that the proposal would have sparked much anger and dissent as the big landowners would be more concerned with their compensation payments and deciding whether a station at the end of Dark Lane (the earlier name of Caxton Lane) or behind the church was the best option. The occupiers of the land would probably only get to know when they were told to move.

